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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Dennis T. Mangano

Serial No.: 09/426,792

Group Art Unit: 1614

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For: **METHODS FOR REDUCING**

MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

BY POSTOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATION OF A PHARMACOLOGIC

CARDIOVASCULAR AGENT

Attorney Docket No.: 9114-004-999

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action mailed April 7, 2000, in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully requested. Accompanying this Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement and a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period of response by three months, to and including October 7, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

At page 11, line 10, after "coronary artery disease." please insert the sentence -

-Risk for coronary artery disease is suggested by previous or current vascular surgery or the presence of at least two cardiac risk factors.--